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**Bishop Museum Announces Project to Create Online Access  
to the Judd Family Papers**

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Honolulu, Hawai‘i — Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, through the support of a \$150,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Native Hawaiian Library Services program, announces *Hō Mai ka ‘Ike: Reconnecting with the Judd Family Papers*. The two-year project will create online access to a significant archival collection documenting the history of Hawai‘i.

The Judd Family Papers includes journals, documents, and correspondence written from 1823 to 1903, a period of tremendous cultural and political change in Hawai‘i. While members of the Judd family such as Gerrit Parmele Judd, M.D., Laura Fish Judd, and Albert Francis Judd Sr. feature prominently, the collection encompasses a wide range of authors including King Kamehameha III, Timoteo Ha‘alilio, John Papa ‘Ī‘Ī, Robert Crichton Wyllie, Joseph Nāwahī, and Charles Reed Bishop.

“The project will dramatically improve access for all of the Judd Family Papers, with a particular focus on the materials in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian language)” said Nathanael Smith, Bishop Museum *Hō Mai ka ‘Ike* project manager. “While the English language materials have been accessible in-person via a finding aid for some time, documents written in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i have never been fully described and so remain very difficult for researchers to navigate. The IMLS grant supports cataloging the entire collection, digitizing the materials in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, and making both the catalog and newly digitized materials freely available online.”

“‘Hō mai ka ‘ike’ means to bring forth knowledge,” said Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs and interim director of education. “The project will make accessible to our community a generally unknown resource compiled by individuals with over a century of involvement in Hawaiian political, social, religious, health, and economic affairs, written in both English and ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. It will provide greater insight to and understanding of Hawaiian history, language, and culture. Most importantly, it will unite our community with the knowledge that we have the privilege of stewarding.”

The project will substantially improve the arrangement and description of an estimated 2,400 items in the collection written in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and prioritizes their digital preservation and free online access. In total, the Judd Family Papers comprise 42 linear feet of manuscript material in English and ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.

More information about the project will be posted at [BishopMuseum.org](http://BishopMuseum.org).

### **About the Judd Family:**

Dr. Gerrit Parmele Judd (1803-1873) and his wife Laura Fish Judd (1804-1872) came to Hawai‘i in 1828 in the company of missionaries sent by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to convert Native Hawaiians to Protestant Christianity. Dr. Judd was a trained physician and put his skills to work immediately upon arrival, attending to the needs of both missionaries and Native Hawaiians. In the course of this work, he proved valuable to a number of ali‘i (chiefs), especially Ka‘ahumanu, Kuhina Nui (Prime Minister) of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i. This earned him the trust of many in the royal family who, while initially asking him to serve as an interpreter, gradually came to rely upon his counsel for a wide range of state matters. Dr. Judd would ultimately resign his place in the mission, accepting a royal appointment to government office in 1842.

The scope of Dr. Judd’s government role quickly expanded. He held various titles throughout his career, including Recorder and Translator, President of the Treasury Board, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Finance. He was a member of the House of Nobles as well as the House of Representatives, in addition to being a member of King Kamehameha III’s Privy Council for nearly a decade. While serving in these offices, Dr. Judd originated or managed a vast array of government initiatives.

Dr. Judd and Laura Fish Judd’s fifth child, Albert Francis (1838-1900), would follow his father into public service at the highest levels of the Hawaiian government. His career began in the military, as a Captain in the Hawaiian Cavalry. He then went on to serve in the House of Representatives, the House of Nobles, and as Attorney General. He was on the Privy Council from 1873 until the Kingdom was overthrown in 1893. He was named Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1874, then Chief Justice in 1881. He held this position until his death in 1900. In total Albert Francis Judd held the title Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for over 25 years.

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Timed General Admissions can be booked for arrivals between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or for arrivals between 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Once a timed admission is booked, guests may arrive at any time during their check-in window. All admissions, once checked in, are welcome to stay until 5 p.m.

Timed General Admissions can be booked on the hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [BishopMuseum.org/Tickets](http://BishopMuseum.org/Tickets). Tickets for [Bishop Museum After Hours](#) events can be purchased via this same webpage.

The safety and health of our visitors and employees remain our highest priorities. Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged. Learn more on our [Health & Safety](#) page.

#### General Admission

	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends</u>
Adults:	\$26.95	\$28.95
Seniors (65+):	\$23.95	\$25.95
Youth (4-7):	\$18.95	\$20.95

Children (3 and under):            Free                            Free

Hawai‘i Residents, Hawai‘i College Students, and Military with ID

Adults:                            \$14.95  
Seniors (65+):                \$12.95  
Youth (4-17):                \$10.95  
Children (3 and under):    Free

Children age 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

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J. Watumull Planetarium tickets can be purchased at the Box Office after admission to the Museum; shows are free for Bishop Museum Members, but must be obtained at the Box Office in person on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking Rates

Daytime Rate: 6 a.m.–5 p.m. \$5.00  
Evening Rate: 5 p.m.–10 p.m. \$3.00

Hours

Open every day from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Closed on Thanksgiving and on Christmas Day.

Bishop Museum Café by Highway Inn offers a limited menu of bowls, sandwiches, and snacks from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. daily. Bishop Museum Members receive a 10% discount with their membership card.

**About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum:**

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum’s mission is to inspire our community and visitors through the exploration, celebration and perpetuation of the extraordinary history, culture, and environment of Hawai‘i and the Pacific. The Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a royal descendant of King Kamehameha I. Today, the Museum thrives as an educational center for the community and is widely regarded as the world’s premier institution for Hawaiian and Pacific content.

Bishop Museum’s vast collections of more than 25 million objects and specimens represent nine disciplines and include more than 22 million biological specimens, over two million cultural objects, 115,000 historical publications, and one million photographs, films, works of art, audio recordings, and manuscripts. These collections tell the stories of the cultures and biodiversity of Hawai‘i and the Pacific as well as the proud legacy of scholarly research spanning 130 years.

Bishop Museum proudly serves more than 200,000 visitors each year, including 20,000 children on school visits.

To learn more about the Museum’s research, collections, exhibits, and programs, visit [BishopMuseum.org](http://BishopMuseum.org), follow @BishopMuseum on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), become a fan of Bishop Museum on [Facebook](#), visit Bishop Museum’s [YouTube](#) channel, or call (808) 847-3511. Bishop Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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